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NOTICE OF APPEAL

MS Appeal Brief - Patents Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated <u>March 8, 2007</u> of the Examiner rejecting claims 18-39.

The Office Action of March 8, 2007 reopened prosecution prior to a decision on the merits by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Accordingly, please apply the fee paid on <u>December 22, 2006</u> for the Notice of Appeal. M.P.E.P. §1204.01.

<u>No additional fee</u> to the Patent and Trademark Office for this Notice of Appeal is believed to be required. But if any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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